



# 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Cedar Area Fire & Rescue  
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# Mission Statement

**To serve our community by providing effective emergency response services with professionalism and excellence that will minimize the loss of life and property resulting from fires, medical emergencies and other hazardous conditions.**

## Fire Department Overview

Cedar Area Fire & Rescue was formally adopted and commissioned on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Cedar Area Fire & Rescue (CAFR) serves Solon, Centerville, Kasson and Cleveland Townships. The fire department has an I.S.O. rating of 9-10. A Fire Board of 5 includes members from Solon, Centerville, Kasson, Cleveland and a member at large. Cedar Area Fire & Rescue operates with 20 members capable of firefighting, emergency medical services and other skills to serve our community. The Department is comprised with our Fire Division, Training Division and EMS Division. There are 6 full-time Firefighter/EMT – B's that work rotating shifts 7 days a week from 7am – 7am. Our paid on call staff is imperative for all fire and rescue operations, as well as EMS. The department is a 24/7 transporting ambulance agency with a Basic E.M.S. license and is contracted to North Flight Advanced Life Support services when needed. The command structure consists of the following:

Fire Board  
Fire Chief  
Asst. Chief  
3 Captains including Rescue Captain  
1 Lieutenant  
Firefighters/EMT's

Per the 2010 Census Bureau, CAFR serves 5,531 citizens. Summer residents and heavy tourism boosts the population greatly from Memorial Day to Labor Day annually. This number accounts for 25.42% of Leelanau County's population. CAFR covers 121.1 (72.5%) square miles of land and 45.8 (27.4%) square miles of water totaling to 167 square miles of response area. The coverage area equates to 21% area of Leelanau County. CAFR covers the most square miles, is second in population and second in run numbers with the lowest operating budget in the county.



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### FROM THE DESK OF THE FIRE CHIEF

As you can see by the letter head the new administration of the fire department is up and running and has been since April 1<sup>st</sup> of last year. This has been a very busy year for the fire department in terms of run volume and for the new fire board. Picking up from the former fire board the new board is continuing to improve the services of the fire department. In August we hired three more fire fighters EMT's bringing our full time crew to a total of 6 people. This afforded us the ability to man the fire station 24/7 with two people on duty at all time. We are also working toward building sleeping quarters for the full time crew and until that project is completed we have rented a portable housing unit to accommodate our fire fighters. The fire board in cooperation with all four townships has also established a capital improvement fund to replace trucks and major equipment.

Along with responding to almost 700 fire and EMS calls for 2016 the fire department has upgraded the training program for fire and EMS by establishing an on-line training program that satisfies the training requirements for MIOSHA, Michigan Part 74 and NFPA. This training is done in conjunction with hands-on practical training with fire and EMS equipment on a monthly basis. A report from Captain O'Neil, our Fire Training Officer, goes into greater detail.

Thanks to the dedication of the members of the fire department and the efforts of EMS Captain McMullen the fire department was awarded grants that afforded us the ability to purchase a CPR manikin for EMS training from the Automobile Dealers Association. Also, with the aid of The Grand Traverse Band 2% Grant, we were able to purchase two thermal imaging cameras, and two multi-gas detectors. Also with the aid of the GTB and the Cedar Fire Rescue Association we have on order a new battery powered extrication tool for use at motor vehicle accidents.

I want to thank everyone that supported our request for an operating millage and assure you that the increase was needed to continue and improve on services. I also want to thank everyone in the community for their kind words of support for the members of the fire department and the treats that occasionally show up at the station. Lastly I want to thank the members of the fire department for their time and commitment to the

department. It is a monumental job to respond to calls at all hours of the day and night in all kinds of weather and still work their day jobs and have a family life.

I want to thank everyone for supporting me and allowing me the privilege of being the fire chief. As always I and the members of the department will continue to work to make this a safe community to work, play and live in.

Sincerely,

Fire Chief Dan Petroskey



# Statistical Summary

Cedar Area Fire & Rescue responded to **692** emergency calls in 2016. Emergency Medical Runs totaled to 514 responses with 215 of those requiring medical transports to the hospital. On top of the 514 ambulance responses, we responded to 178 fire runs. The year 2016 brought a call volume increase of 50 calls compared to 642 calls in 2015. Mutual Aid was given and received 25 times.

<b>EMERGENCY CALLS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Medical Responses/Stand By	514
Structure Fires	15
Vehicle Fires	4
Wildland Fires	14
Fire (Other)	3
Vehicle Accidents	49 (4 Requiring Extrication)
Search and Rescues	3
Hazardous Conditions	61
Gas Leaks	5
Service Calls	6
False Alarms	13
Good Intent Calls	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>692 EMERGENCY CALLS</b>

## CALLS PER TOWNSHIP

<b>TOWNSHIP</b>	<b>EMS</b>	<b>FIRE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Solon Township	138	40	178
Centerville Township	99	40	139
Kasson Township	136	42	178
Cleveland Township	124	46	170
Other (Mutual Aid)	17	10	27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>692</b>

# Apparatus

Cedar Area Fire & Rescue operates with the following apparatus:

- Two Basic Life Support Ambulance
- Two 2,000 gallon tankers
- One 1,000 gallon, 4 wheel drive engine
- One 55 ft. Aerial truck
- One Wildland Brush truck
- One 2002 Arctic Cat Snowmobile w/ trailer and rescue sled
- One ORV with firefighting capability and trailer

All apparatus are maintained and inspected weekly by the full time duty crew. These inspections ensure that the apparatus and equipment is functioning and ready for any emergency at any time of the day. All employees train and operate the apparatus extensively for the upmost proficiency in an emergency situation. To operate apparatus, an employee must attend and pass an Emergency Vehicle Operators Course along with a written test and driving test.

Apparatus	Number of Responses	Average Response Time (Dispatch to Arrival) Minutes
811	122	13.00
821	7	12.17
822	97	14.32
831	19	12.06
841	29	13.82
881	6	15.17
882	2	10.50
891	108 (Fire Only)	11.28 (Fire Only)
892	18 (Fire Only)	10.94 (Fire Only)
POV	41	11.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>12.48</b>

# Personnel

801 - Fire Chief: Dan Petroskey  
802 – Asst. Fire Chief: *vacant*  
803 – Rescue Captain: Don McMullen  
804 – Captain/Training Officer: Keith O’Neil  
805 – Captain: Barry Mazurek  
806 – Lieutenant: Tim Johnson\*  
P. 1 - *vacant*  
P. 2 – FF/MFR: Larry Petroskey  
P. 3 - *vacant*  
P. 4 - *vacant*  
P. 5 – FF/EMTB: Ronnie Dubois\*  
P. 6 - *vacant*  
P. 7 – FF/EMTB: Bobby Handa\*  
P. 8 – FF: Mark Zientek  
P. 9 – FF/MFR: Brian Dezelski  
P. 10 – FF/EMTB: Joey Sharrow\*  
P. 11 – FF/EMTP: Jeff Friend  
P. 12 – FF/EMTB: Herb Sudemann \*  
P. 13 – *vacant*  
P. 14 - *vacant*  
P. 15 – FF/EMTB: Jake Strait\*  
P. 16 - *vacant*  
P. 17 - *vacant*  
P. 18 – FF: Jason Morio  
P. 19 - *vacant*  
P. 20 – FF: Kevin Mikowski  
P. 21 - *vacant*  
P. 22 - *vacant*  
P. 23 - *vacant*  
P. 24 - *vacant*  
P. 25 – FF: Austin Novak  
P. 26 – FF: Brent Garvin

*\*Full Time Employee*

## Part Time Employees

- FF/EMTA – Bob Podleski
- FF/EMTB – Steve Watson

# Cedar Professional Fire Fighters

## I.A.F.F. Local 4953

The Cedar Professional Fire Fighters union consists of all full time firefighters. Local 4953 and the Cedar Area Fire & Rescue Board signed a new contract on February 24, 2017, which will be in effect until February 24, 2019.

President: Lt. Tim Johnson

Vice-President: Herbert Sudemann

Secretary/Treasurer: Joey Sharrow



# Training/Education

As of January 2016, I, Keith O'Neil, took on the Captain / Training Officer position. I had many discussions with Chief Petroskey prior to January 2016 regarding the new direction that CAFR would like to travel. The first agenda was to try to minimize the classroom time, and utilize our actual Monday nights for practical application. This was easily obtainable since CAFR was going to start utilizing a national accredited firefighter's online training site, Target Solutions. This educational website ensures that all CAFR members that take these online course are being taught to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Standards. Target Solution also has EMS classes that CAFR EMS staff can self-assign themselves. This helps ensure that CAFR EMS staff can obtain enough lecture credits hours to go towards their State of Michigan EMS license renewal, or EMS National Registry renewal.

With this new direction, January fire training was on CAFR Accountability System. Each firefighter has two accountability tags to be used in different situations. One of the changes with CAFR Accountability System was to mirror other departments around them as far as the actual color meaning of an accountability tag. This allows each member to identify rank within the fire service, especially on mutual-aid calls. For example: White: Chief Officers, Red: Captain / Lieutenant, Yellow: Firefighter, Blue: EMS, and Green: Probationary Firefighter. These colors are also used by Leland FD, Northport FD, and Elmwood FD. CAFR utilizes Salamander Live as the website to purchase supplies to make these accountability tags.

The following months CAFR trained hard on Fire Behavior, Firefighting Tactics, Ice Rescue with the USCG, MayDay Calling, Primary & Secondary Searches, Aerial 831 / Engine 811 / Tanker 822 Operations, Alternative Water Supply, SCBA Air Consumption, SCBA Physical Agility training, Vehicle Extrication, Live Vehicle Fire with Foam Operations utilizing a Foam Eductor, and a Landing Zone Class. CAFR also participated with Leland Fire on a county wide mock fire within Leland's Fish Town Preservation.

CAFR training is in-line with MIOSHA General Industry Safety Standards Part 74. CAFR will continue to follow Part 74 as this is Michigan's firefighting training standard. The only obstacle that CAFR training lacks in; is participation from CAFR members. Our Monday night trainings struggle to get full-time & paid-on-call members to attend regularly; we have more members completing our on-line classes which are completed at the leisure of our members.

As training continues through year 2017, CAFR will continue to follow Part 74, there will also be opportunities to attend specialized training, and trainings at other fire departments.

Keith O'Neil  
Captain / Training Officer  
Cedar Area Fire & Rescue

# Inter-Local Agreement

The Cedar Fire Department Fire Board adopted an Inter-Local Agreement between Solon, Centerville, Kasson and Cleveland townships. This Inter-Local Agreement created Cedar Area Fire & Rescue and is governed by a new fire board consisting of one representative from each of the four townships and one member at large. This Inter-Local Agreement creating Cedar Area Fire & Rescue officially began April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

## Cedar Area Fire & Rescue Information

The Cedar Fire Department is located in the heart of beautiful Leelanau County next to the Victoria Creek in the Polish historical town of Cedar. Our fire station is open to the public everyday from 8am to 4pm. Visitors are more than welcome and station tours are encouraged.

### Cedar Area Fire & Rescue Board

Solon Township – Dan Leach  
Kasson Township – Greg Julian\*  
Cleveland Township – Tim Stein\*\*  
Centerville Township – Dave Wurm  
Member at Large – John DePuy

Recording Secretary – Dana Boomer  
Accountant – Dave Milliron

\*- Chairman

\*\* - Vice Chairman